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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please enter this Preliminary Amendment into the record of the above-identified patent application before examination and the calculation of fees.

In the Claims:

Please delete the claims of the application as filed in the PCT and substitute therefor:

6. An isolated polynucleotide comprising a nucleic acid sequence that is identical to one of SEQ ID NOs:1-6, except that, over the entire length corresponding to one of SEQ ID NOs:1-6,  $n_n$  nucleotides are substituted, inserted or deleted, wherein  $n_n$  satisfies the following expression

$$n_n \leq x_n - (x_n \cdot y)$$

wherein  $x_n$  is the total number of nucleotides in SEQ ID NO:1,  $y$  is 0.90, and wherein any non-integer product of  $x_n$  and  $y$  is rounded down to the nearest integer before subtracting the product from  $x_n$ .

7. The isolated polynucleotide of claim 6, wherein  $y$  is 0.95.

8. The isolated polynucleotide of claim 6, wherein the isolated polynucleotide consists of the nucleotide sequence of one of SEQ ID NOs:1-6.

9. An isolated polynucleotide comprising a member selected from the group consisting of :